

## Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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Colleagues, I'm a former Critical Care CNS with an interest in central line infections, and I now work with Palliative Care, which has a consistently immunosuppressed population that use central access on a consistent basis. Thank you for the opportunity to review this guideline.

Since our facility has gone with the Max-plus positive pressure caps, I was understandably concerned about your recommendations and concerns r/t infection with devices of this nature. Because of my concern, I spoke with a representative from Max-plus, and he shared some information with me that would indicate that this device does not have some of the same problems as other positive-pressure devices (difficult-to-clean surface, opaque design, interstitial space that retains blood). I'm hopeful that the information he shared, which also includes data indicating that the infection rates with this device are no higher than with a standard IV access cap, is correct and I request ask that the CDC review this additional information before this guideline is published. Thank you, Jeannie Meyer

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